

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1 and 5-22 for examination. Also, claims 2-4 were originally intended to be dependent on claim 1, but were not due to inadvertence. This inadvertent error has been remedied by the amendments shown above, whereby each of claims 2-4 is now dependent, directly or indirectly from claim 1. Thus, Group II has collapsed into Group I by amendment. This election is made without traverse, subject to Applicants' request that non-elected claim 23 be rejoined upon determination that Group I claims are allowable. Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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